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FRIDAY EVE, SEPT. 13, 1889.

### The Mexican War Veterans.

The band of grizzled veterans who honor Decatur to-day by their presence are the relics of the little army which conquered an empire and placed it under the protecting folds of the stars and stripes. They are the living remnants of that little band which marched from the Rio Grande to the City of Mexico and taught our neighbors on the south to respect the prowess of American arms, and by the strength of muscles then young and powerful, though opposed by seemingly overwhelming odds, swept over the land of their enemies like a devastating cyclone and dictated peace in the halls of the Montezumas. The bravery of American soldiers, established on many a battle field before it and since, needs no defense at the hands of the generation that lives to reap the fruits which the deeds of these men sowed; but it is well for the youth of to-day to remember some of the things that are too apt to be forgotten in the multifarious questions that are crowding themselves upon our attention for settlement to-day. Where existed the trackless wilds which the Mexican war veterans brought under the protection of our flag, are to-day the happy homes of millions of American citizens. Texas and New Mexico, Arizona and California are the stars that glitter in their crown of rejoicing, and though their steps may not be as light as when they followed the drum and life forty-three years ago and marched as heroes march on their way to fame and glory, they have a right to feel proud of what they helped to accomplish and of the glorious results that followed in the wake of Buena Vista and Cerro Gordo and Chapultepec. Cheers for the noble old veterans of the Mexican war!

A lot of Georgia farmers are making a tour of the United States, looking into the ways of our farmers and seeing what they can of the way our agriculture manages to live and be contented. It is said that the Georgia farmers are much interested with the magnificence of the ballet, as it is grown on the Cincinnati stage, and the colonels and judges and "Revs." who make up the party marvel not a little at the economy with which the ballet girls array themselves in spite of the cool weather of the season in this latitude. They say they do not wonder that the northern farmers make up accounts for money when "the girls" spend so little for dress.

### Called Upon Mrs. Col. I. C. PUGH.

Nearly 100 41st Comrades Greet the Widow of the Brave Colonel.

Officers Meeted Camp Five Sports and Jubilee Songs.

### THE BUSINESS.

After the summons issued at the New Denning hotel, the 41 members of the regiment assembled at the Hotel Hotel to discuss the business of the association. President Wilson called the meeting to order and sent greetings by telegraph to the mother of Major F. M. Lee, at Taylorville, Ill. She is 80 years of age. On motion, L. B. Moore, of Chicago, and John Ward were appointed as an honorary committee, to report names of comrades who had died since the meeting held at Mattoon a year ago. Major Steele of the committee on request of motion, had no report to make. E. T. Lee, for the committee, reported the following deaths since last meeting: John G. Fletcher, Co. I, at Decatur; Samuel Dickinson, Co. I, at Macomb; and at James Watson, Co. K, at Decatur; Benben Longbaugh, Co. A, at Soldiers' Home, Quincy; Thomas Luckey, Co. A, at Marion.

On motion, Comrades Steele, Tarnsey, Ward and Moore were appointed a committee on nominating officers for the ensuing year. The committee was allowed fifteen minutes for the election of officers. The committee reported the following officers: President—L. B. Moore, Co. I, at Decatur; Vice-President—L. B. Moore, Co. I, at Decatur; Secretary—L. B. Moore, Co. I, at Decatur; Treasurer—L. B. Moore, Co. I, at Decatur; and a committee on nominating officers for the ensuing year.

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Very respectfully yours,  
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—C. C. Conner, formerly editor of the Danville (Ill.) Sunday Ledger, and afterward for several years a Government official at Washington, was accidentally shot and killed at Wednesday at Marshall, Ind. His gun slipped from his hand while returning from hunting. He was married.

It is rumored that the "Boat" Line will not only meet the South Shore road's cut but will make an eighteen-dollar rate from St. Paul to New York. The Omaha will quote the new rate as a way of the Lake Superior on Monday. Other lines will be forced to take action, and a general rate war may result.

It is not at all likely that the proposition to pay members of the British Parliament for their services will be seriously considered for years to come. The House of Lords, of course, will not be so easily won over as the House of Commons who are now so anxious to get their time to the nation gratis will ever mean in their power to prevent the innovation.

The temporary British, from New York September 4 for Liverpool, arrived at Queens-town, yesterday. She reports that on the afternoon of September 3, fire was discovered in the cotton compartment of her cargo, the flames for some time resisting the efforts of the crew to prevent their spread. The fire was extinguished after several hours' hard work.

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